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after tonight. The police

to apply the vagrancy

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Miners Resume Work.

III., Aug. 24.—The mine

operation Monday, after a

over five weeks on account

striking. Manager Shum-

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of the late Miss Bertha

daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

was held this afternoon at

St. Johannes' German Lu-

the services were con-

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cemetery.

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## SNAKES AS PETS.

## Large Demand for King Snakes in New York City.

It may seem strange to make a pet of a snake, but it is not so strange after all when you know the particular reptile which seems to be becoming a fad in New York. It is the king snake and it can be truly called the peacock of its species. It is most beautifully marked, sometimes in red and black stripes and again in white and black stripes. It has seldom been known to bite a human being, and yet it is a terror to all other snakes. Small as the king snake is, it never hesitates to attack another snake, no matter how large, and it is a rare case when it does not succeed in killing its enemy.

The king snake when full grown is about a foot and a half long. It is found as far north as Colorado and as far south as Texas. Those found in Colorado are marked with dull brown stripes by no means beautiful; but as you travel south you will find the king snake more and more beautifully marked, and when you reach the borders of Mexico the finest specimen of any snake in the world can be found.

They are most intelligent reptiles and can easily be domesticated. They can be fondled without the least fear, and will not attack a human being unless aroused. The king snake is most graceful in repose, and when in action its movements are like lightning.

A dealer whom I saw in Harlem has over 100 of them in stock, and he told me that he sells something like five a day. They bring all the way from two dollars to five dollars apiece.

"New Yorkers know little of snakes," said he to me, "and least of all the king snake. I received two or three of them from a friend of mine in Texas last year, and kept them as curiosities. I put them in a case in my window, and the beauty of their colors attracted many people. I received dozens of inquiries about them. The majority of the people never heard of a king snake, and when I told them that the snake was not dangerous and related little incidents of their intelligence, the people were simply wild to get one. This may have started the fad for king snakes, but, at any rate, to please my customers I had to order a large stock of the snakes, and now I have more demand for them than for anything else."

"Where do the people keep the snakes?" I asked.

"Right in the house. They crawl about the floor and make themselves at home as readily as a cat or a dog. In fact, they rid the house of vermin, and no mice or rats remain anywhere near a king snake. They are perfectly harmless, and will never attack you unless, of course, you deliberately tantalize them."

"The king snake delights in feeding on mice. It can go without eating for nearly six months at a time, but when it is really hungry it will attack anything. As a result I am obliged to keep on hand a large number of mice to meet demands for them as a repast for the king snake. I am not surprised that people take to this reptile so much, especially women. It is the most beautiful snake of which I know, and the most intelligent."—N. Y. Herald.

## NEVER PAY CASH.

## Advice of a Business Man Who Never in Buying on Credit.

"Never pay cash for anything if you want to get commercial rating," said a business man the other day. "Get goods on credit, even when able to pay spot cash for them, and pay the bill with promptness when it becomes due. If you do this long enough you will probably get the reputation of possessing all the money you have got trusted for, and, at any rate, will be known in business circles where you wouldn't be named if you always paid cash. A man who pays cash for everything is supposed to be doing business on small capital, while a man who gets things on credit, or, what is better still, pays for them in notes, is generally believed to be operating on such a large scale that he has no ready money to spare for small deals."

"As for getting credit, it is the first step that costs, of course, but a man can begin by referring people to his landlord and the tradesmen with whom he deals, if he can do no better. If he has no accounts anywhere he must set about having them; get trust for small amounts, and you will in time get trusted for larger ones. The first requisite to wealth is not money, but credit. Get credit and you will do business amounting to an indefinite number of times your capital."

"Without dilating further on the advantages of credit, let me give you an illustration of the disadvantages of doing business on a cash basis. A country merchant I know who had always paid cash for everything he bought (and did a correspondingly small business) determined finally to enlarge his trade, and to do this required the credit he had never before asked for. When he came to town and asked the men to whom he had always paid cash to let him have goods on time they one and all became suspicious of him and refused. The very fact that he had always paid cash made them think, when he finally asked for credit, that he wasn't a safe man to trust. Moral: Never pay cash for anything if you would avoid suspicion."—N. Y. Sun.

**The Largest Oak in the World.**  
Two young trees, raised from its acorns, have recently been planted near the famous old oak at Cawthorpe, England. The ancient tree, which is more than 50 feet in girth, and is believed to be the largest oak in existence, is so decayed that it is feared it cannot stand much longer.—N. Y. Sun.

## Without Effort.

Anxious Mother—I don't understand how it is, Bertie, that you are always at the foot of your class.

Bertie—I don't understand it myself, but I know it's dreadful easy.—Boston Transcript.

## A LITTLE NONSENSE.

—He—"What is a crank?" She—"Why, a person with one idea." "Would you call me a crank?" "Why, no; I never gave you credit for having one idea."—Yonkers Statesman.

—"Don't you think these stripes become me?" asked the summer awning. "They ought to run crosswise," said the window, savagely. "You are nothing but a daylight robber."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

—Tommy—"Paw, what is the difference between 'well' and 'good'?" Mr. Figg—"Well, I have noticed that about the only time you can be depended on to be good is when you are not feeling well."—Indianapolis Journal.

—"Well," said Mr. Cumroox, thoughtfully, "I was glad to let my daughter go to the queen's jubilee. It will make her happy for the next ten years." "Longer than that, perhaps." "No. After ten years she won't care to seem familiar with anything that happened in 1897."—Washington Star.

—Maud—"When we were out riding on our bicycles yesterday Harry put his hand on my shoulder. He pretended he wanted to help me along. I made him take it away immediately." Irene—"That was right, dear." Maud—"Yes. It was the only thing to do. His hand is so large and ugly, you know."—Chicago Tribune.

—"Do you think your sister likes me, Tommy?" "Yes; she stood up for you at dinner." "Stood up for me? Was anybody saying anything against me?" "No, nothing much. Father said he thought you were rather a donkey, but sis got up and said you weren't, and told father he ought to know better than to judge a man by his looks."—Household Words.

## STORY OF CHARLIE ROSS.

Death of His Father Revives Interest in the Boy's Abduction.

"Charlie" Ross, the son of a man whose death was announced in late dispatches, was abducted July 1, 1874. He and his elder brother Walter were playing in front of their home in East Washington Lane, Germantown, when two men who passed by in a buggy offered to take them for a ride if they would walk to the top of the hill. The boys walked to the top of the hill and were taken into the wagon.

Walter wanted the men to take them to Main street and buy some fireworks, but they said they would take them to "Aunt Susie's," a fictitious person. They plied the boys with candy while the team was driven toward Kensington. At Palmer and Richmond streets, Walter was given a quarter and directed to get fireworks in a cigar store. When he returned the men and his curly-haired brother were gone. H. C. Peacock, a friend of the family, took Walter to his parents.

It was some days before anything of the nature of a clew came to the searchers. This was in the shape of a letter from the supposed abductors. It was grossly illiterate and informed Mr. Ross that the writers held the boy so securely that no earthly power could reach him, and that he would not be delivered without the payment of a big ransom. The father was warned that any attempt to recover the boy by detectives would result in the boy's instant death. The writers promised to communicate with Mr. Ross within a few days.

They wrote two days later demanding \$20,000 ransom for the return of the boy. This sum was promptly raised by friends of Mr. Ross, but the police stepped in and asked to be given the conduct of the case. This was granted, and Mayor Stokely offered a reward of \$20,000 for the arrest of the kidnappers and the return of the boy. This immense reward attracted world-wide attention.

Mr. Ross received 15 letters from the abductors during the four following months, but they were so carefully disguised that no clew could be found to the writers.

Superintendent Walling, of the New York police, found the clew that ended in fixing the crime of abduction on William Mosher and Joseph Douglass, burglars. William Westervelt, a brother-in-law of Mosher, acted as go-between in the attempted negotiations with Mr. Ross. The police of the country were looking for the two men when the residence of Judge Van Brunt, in Bay Ridge, was entered by burglars on December 14, 1874. The burglars were attacked by a brother of Judge Van Brunt and several servants. One of them was shot dead and the other was mortally wounded. They were Mosher and Douglass. Mosher was dead Douglass, gasped to Mr. Van Brunt:

"It's no use lying now. Mosher knows all about him."

When told that his partner was dead he said:

"Then God help his poor wife and family. He knew about 'Charlie.' The child will be returned in a few days."

The boy was never returned, the support being that he met his death in the North river while his abductors were eluding pursuit.—N. Y. Herald.

Somebody Had Told Him.

Gently approaching to within earshot of his august mother, Albert Edward said, as if musing aloud:

"Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

The queen looked at him a moment before answering:

"A wise person will never believe anything he hears."

And the silence was disturbed only by the beads of sweat that broke out upon the prince's brow.—Cleveland Leader.

**Queen Conduct of a Kentucky Tree.**  
There is a very remarkable tree in the suburban part of town. It is an old locust tree, and in the dryest of weather a continued shower of mist or vapor can be seen coming from its branches. A shower bath can be had beneath its foliage at any hour, day or night.—Glasgow (Ky.) Republicans.

## Ohio Fell in Line.

Ohio Joined All the States to the East and Is Pushing the Good Work Along.

Thousands of the Buckeye state's best citizens have been proclaiming for over twelve months in all the Ohio Daily papers, what residents of the older states to the east of Ohio had been proclaiming for years. At first it created considerable excitement and residents of each city and town became anxious and curious to know who would be the next as the testimony from representative citizens was daily published in the local papers. Week after week went by and the good people of Ohio settled down to the fact that what their neighbors said must be true; that local testimony and statements from people they knew must be reliable. It will be the same in Indiana about the preparation endorsed by Judge Clark, of London, Ohio.

What was appreciated by the public in Ohio and other states in the union; what was carefully read by the residents of every city, town and village from the Atlantic westward cannot fail in Indiana; local testimony for every place like Judge Clark's of London for London people is bound to force the result. The judge says:

"Prior to four years ago I had been slightly troubled with symptoms of inflammation of the kidneys. I attributed it to sedentary employment and paid little attention to it. Shortly afterward I was completely prostrated. I had an attack of the then prevalent epidemic, grippe, which affected my whole system. When I had in a measure recovered from the immediate consequences of my sickness I found that my kidneys had been left in a weak condition. At times the secretions were very profuse, at another scanty, high colored and distressing. Whenever the kidneys were sluggishly inclined there was bloating in the limbs and severe pains across my back. It went along for years during which I suffered indescribably. Last spring, 1896, I learned from a druggist about Doan's Kidney Pills and I obtained a box and commenced their use. I immediately noticed an improved action of the kidneys and I felt elated. Altogether I used three boxes and the kidneys now act regularly and normally and my back does not pain me. I feel better than I have for years."

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## Our Neighbors

## Wickles.

Mr. Hornsberger, of Champaign, is the guest of Willie Sawyer.

Miss Bessie Lutz called here Tuesday.

Charles Carr is delivering his corn at Wickles.

A number from here will attend the races.

Will Leedy spent Saturday and Sunday in Marion.

Tuesday, August 31, a church social will be held at the home of Mrs. Sade Troutman.

Dessie and Willie Sawyer have returned home after a visit of three weeks with their sister at Storm Lake, Iowa.

Clarence Irwin and Lora Condell called here Monday.

Miss Nannie Constant left for Chicago Saturday for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. William Kay is visiting her parents at Berlin, Ill.

Will Knight and Miss Elsie Sawyer spent Sunday in Harrisburg.

Miss Gracie and Earle Majors have returned home after a visit at Lincoln, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Martin spent Sunday in Beardstown.

Miss Beatrix Elliott entertained city friends Monday.

Mark and James Walker, of Windsor, Ill., are the guests of A. Y. Munson and family.

Mrs. Adam Musser was the victim of a surprise party Wednesday, which was neatly planned by her daughters.

## Niantic.

Quite a large attendance is expected at the District Temperance convention to be held here Thursday and Friday of this week. Niantic talent will be well represented.

School will open here next Monday.

Mrs. Mary Lockhart is quite feeble.

Miss Pearl McElroy is visiting in Springfield.

A new saloon arrived in town just two days ahead of the W. C. T. U. convention.

A. L. Stout received a dispatch from Indianapolis Monday, announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. William Rogers, of cancer. The remains were not brought to Illinois, as the family here requested, but were interred in Indiana.

In the account of Richard Gassaway's funeral given last week, his age was stated as three years. It should have been 33. Instead of Delaney Brothers it should have been Moore and Delaney, who purchased Chamberlain and Mansfield's elevator.

Miss Lucie Hall and Cora Bookles will return to Hamilton College, Lexington, Ky., in the near future.

Squilla Thomas Pritchett and wife are here from Decatur.

The young people enjoyed a delightful picnic party at the river Monday, in honor of Miss Nellie Ackerman, of Decatur, who is visiting Miss Bertha Chamberlain. Those present were: Miss Nellie Ackerman, Bertha Chamberlain, Pearl and Mabel Cushing, Lucy and Jeanie Conaghan, Blanche Duncowd and Cora Buckles, Misses Toni Chamberlain, Robbie Conneghas, James Flinson, Tom Graves, Raymond Blankenship, C. F. McElroy and Robert Ervin.

**Something to Know.**

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centers in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50¢ or \$1.00 per bottle at the drug stores of J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

A second inquest and a post mortem examination of the body of the late Rev. Silas S. Younger was held last Thursday at Bethany, near Sullivan, to discover if there was any foundation for the rumor that deceased came to his death through foul play. No evidence of violence were found.

Little Johnny Hoover, seven miles southeast of Flanagan, had a leg broken in a runaway.

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## DOLLY MADISON.

Saved the Declaration of Independence from British Hands.

The capture, invasion and burning of our national capital by British forces under Admiral Cockburn are graphically recalled by Clifford Howard. Mr. Howard lucidly tells of the incidents leading up to the invasion, and pictures the terror and excitement of the people of Washington, who fled, shouting, screaming, jostling one another under foot, into Virginia as the enemy approached. President Madison had gone to the front, and his wife was anxiously awaiting his return, in fear for his safety. The white house attaches had nearly all deserted their posts, but Mrs. Madison had packed all her husband's papers and records, and as she was about to abandon the house betrothed herself to Gen. Washington's portrait. The heavy frame inclosing it was broken by a servant with an ax, and she removed the canvas with her own hands keeping it from falling into the hands of the enemy.

"It was then," writes Mr. Howard, "just as she was in the act of hurrying away, that Dolly Madison was seized with an inspiration that will ever cause her name to live in the heart of every true American. She stopped to think. What if the white house should be burned? Did it contain anything of value to the government that she had neglected? The declaration of independence? In a flash she called to mind this most precious of all documents. Carefully treasured in a case apart from other papers, it had been overlooked in the turmoil and confusion. It must be saved at all hazards! Without a moment's hesitation she turned and rushed back into the house. 'Stop! for heaven's sake, stop!' cried her friends, vainly endeavoring to intercept her. Regardless of their commands, regardless of her danger, the brave woman sped to the room containing the treasure for which she was willing to sacrifice her life. Without attempting to open the glazed door of the case she shattered the glass with her clenched hand, snatched the priceless parchment and, waiving it exultantly above her head, hurried to the door, where she entered her carriage and was rapidly driven away in the direction of Georgetown.—Ladies' Home Journal.

## Edited by Madmen.

In several English lunatic asylums journalism has been introduced among the inmates as a curative measure, and the innovation has been attended with excellent results. Some physicians declare they are indebted to their patients for hints as to the best manner of treating them. One demented person refused food and as obstinately declined to furnish any reason for his action. In a newspaper article, however, he wrote: "I desire to be buried as quickly as possible. It is a monstrous scandal that I should be compelled to drag about all over this house a dead and putrefying corpse." As soon as the bent of his weak-mindedness was discovered he received appropriate treatment and eventually recovered. Dr. Andrew Wynter in 1857 wrote of lunatics that "they are nothing if not critical," and spoke of a journal conducted at Murray's royal asylum at Perth. It is said that in perusing some of their papers a reader would fail to discover a "bee in the bonnet" of the writers.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## A Law of Nature.

Brown-Jones—What do you do in Texas when a couple of counties get mixed up by an earthquake or cyclone or anything like that?

Houston—Why, the one that comes out on top wins, of course, just the same as anywhere else.—N. Y. Truth.

## Conflicting Evidence.

Waiter—They are not married; their orders are exactly alike.

Head Waiter—But they both order corn on the cob.—Detroit Journal.

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Rev. Oakwood, M. E. pastor at Newnan, was fined \$5 and \$2.45 costs for violating the letter of an ordinance by getting on a train to bid a departing relative goodbye.

Editor C. E. Potter, the new proprietor of the Waukesha News, has changed the policy of the paper from Republican to Democratic.

## ROAD TO THE KLONDIKE.

How the Gold Hunters Will Make Their Way to the Gold Coast.

Sailing Over Seas of Snow—A Land Where Horses Are Unknown and Dogs Are Worth as Much as \$600.

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The late E. J. Glave, who first used pack horses in Alaska so recently as 1891, would be considerably astonished if he could see the development his bright idea has led up to in seven years. Every vessel which has gone to Juneau with supplies for the great Klondyke mining region has carried pack horses for use in the famous Chilkat pass. Probably there are now not less than 200 or 300 pack animals on the pass, where in 1890 the appearance of these unknown equine "big dogs" filled the native breast with apprehension. Other feelings than apprehension now fill the breast of the noble red man at sight of the horses. In the old days supplies went on Indians' backs in summer. About 85 or 90 pounds made a load, and the carrier himself ate three or four pounds of food per day. Obviously, under such conditions, time was up in about 30 days at the most. Or, if the Chilkat were passed and the Indians were sent back, the stock of food was considerably diminished and the cost of the remainder almost prohibitive, for the Indians demanded two dollars a day and upward for their services.

During the present season horses have been used to pack dry groceries over the pass, while sheep and oxen have been driven over, to be slaughtered on the other side after the point of embarkation down the Yukon was reached. The difference between an Indian, who eats the food he carries, and the sheep, which lives on the grass of the short Arctic summer while footedly scaling the rocks and afterward becomes meat itself, is considerable—in favor of the sheep. Dry gro-

ceries, but not live animals, owing to the prohibitive freights, can also be taken into interior Alaska by way of the Yukon river, but this route is slow and uncertain. After the middle of July, when the rush for the Klondyke began, it was useless to go to the Yukon's mouth, and then, too late, in the season, begin the weary 1,850 miles of up-current navigation in shallow water. Indeed, those who attempted it will probably get only as far as St. Michael's in the lower river this fall and must complete the journey in early spring—early, that is, for Alaska; say, along in May and June. If the ice forms in the Yukon late this year and the journey of those who set out is completed, it will occupy 35 or 40 days, or probably more.

The best time to go into the interior of Alaska by the Juneau river is early spring, before the ice has left the river and lakes, or the snow has melted from the pass, and after the worst of the winter is over. But the gold hunters who are now streaming over the pass have no notion of waiting until spring. The summer method of travel, after passing Chilkat with the aid of the pack-horses, is to build or buy a clumsy, flat-bottomed batteau at the sawmill on the upper Lous river and row down the stream upon it, fighting off the fierce swarms of mosquitoes and avoiding constant danger from rough water on the inland lakes, where a stiff breeze can blow up whitecaps at ten minutes' notice. Lake Lindemann, Lake Bennett, Tagish and Mud lakes and particularly Lake Labarge are noted for rough water. During the last half of the journey the banks of the rivers and lakes are low and monotonous and knee-deep in mud during the short summer. Altogether, the trip by boat is exhausting and disagreeable, not the least of its disadvantages being that it lags the goldseeker at last after floating down the river from Port Selkirk to the mouth of the Klondyke in camp just at the beginning of the ten-months' winter.

Chilkat pass is "mighty onarting" after September 15. There may be snowstorms at almost any time, so fierce and wild as to interrupt passage.

Still later in the season it will be foolhardy for greenhorns to attempt the trip at all. But the greed of gold is a powerful incentive, and it is certain that travel inland will be continued this fall long after the usual quitting time and will be attempted in good weather in winter. And as those who participate in it will be in many cases men unused to danger and exposure it is difficult to see how loss of life is to be avoided. After the first heavy snowfalls sledges can be used to transport goods over the pass and dogs employed to drag them in a cold which would soon render pack ponies useless. When the ice has sufficiently frozen the lakes and rivers nature has prepared a per-

fectly smooth road for the sledges, and many miles a day may be made with the utmost ease.

On a running stream new ice is treacherous, and an involuntary bath in the October or November waters of the upper Yukon is not a thing to be greatly desired. But men who are used to it travel all winter long in the neighborhood of the Arctic circle. Circle City and other points above enjoy a mail once a month. The runners who take out and bring in letters are men injured to exposure and thoroughly acquainted with the road.

"Sledging in" is a pleasant process in the spring than at any other time. Then, with the thermometer never very many degrees below zero, the heavy snow has filled up the rough places on the rocky pass and has become sufficiently hard to bear the sledges well. Fresh falls of snow are rather less likely than in the autumn, the days are longer and the wind generally blows from the south. At such a time the voyageur can often extemporize a sail out of a "three-point blanket" stung to a crotchet stake, pile his quarreling, biting dogs on top of the load and go iceboating away to the north, 20 or 30 miles at a time, at a spanking, satisfactory rate. There's many a bad tip-over in this kind of progress, but it's easy and it's quick, and these are reasons that appeal powerfully to a man in a hurry for gold.

Dogs are worth from \$300 to \$500 in the neighborhood of Dawson, the new city. The supply of dogs that will stand the climate is limited and the price mounted sharply upon news of the big gold strike. Many a dog bought at such prices will be killed and eaten this coming winter on the Klondyke. As by that time the poor dog will be reduced to skin and bone and will not weigh much, his meat may represent \$15 to \$25 a pound. But Klondyke will be lucky if men doesn't run even higher before spring brings in a new supply.

The new places are indubitably on British soil; but as the road thither, whether by the Yukon or by Chilkat pass, leads through United States territory, there should be a settlement of the long-voiced Alaska boundary question. The line crosses the Yukon in the heart of the gold region. Here there is no dispute. The one hundred and forty-first parallel of latitude is the line, passing only surveying and marking. But from Mount St. Elias southward John Bull wants to measure the "ten marine leagues" inland, which the line is not to exceed, from the outer edge of the islands instead of from the shore of the mainland itself. This makes a very considerable distance in a region likely soon to be very useful for agriculture, for fish canning and hydraulic mining and stamp milling. Much of Alaska's gold still comes from quartz veins near salt water, in spite of the superior richness of the less easily reached Klondyke.

ANECDOTE OF LINCOLN.

Story Told by Him on the Capture of Jeff Davis.

The Lincoln log cabin brought to mind some anecdotes told by a dear old friend, Rev. Dr. Oliver. John Brown made his home with him some time at Harper's Ferry. He put into his care all his letters, papers, etc., upon the promise that he (Dr. Oliver) would at once burn them if anything happened to him. Dr. Oliver said he had regretted a great many times that he was required to burn them, as there was a large number and would have made very interesting reading now. President Lincoln appointed Dr. Oliver to some position which took him to Washington and into pretty intimate relation with Mr. Lincoln.

I recall one anecdote which I have not seen in print. Dr. Oliver was in a room with Mr. Lincoln and several others at the time they were hunting for Jeff Davis. Some one said: "Mr. Lincoln, suppose they were to find Davis, and, in order to capture him, it was necessary to shoot him. Would you want them to do so?"

Mr. Lincoln said: "When I was a boy a man lecturing upon temperance stayed at our house over night. It was a cold, stormy night, and the man was quite chilled when he reached home after the meeting. He said if they could give him a hot lemonade he thought it would prevent him taking cold. Some one suggested that some spirits added would be beneficial. 'Well,' he said, 'you might put in some unknown to me!'"—N. Y. Press.

A Light on Her Character.

Phyllis accidentally discovered a doll that her mother had concealed in a trunk in readiness for the little "lady's" birthday. The following day at dinner she surprised the family by remarking: "I'm trying so hard to forget something I want to remember that I don't feel very hungry."—Judge.

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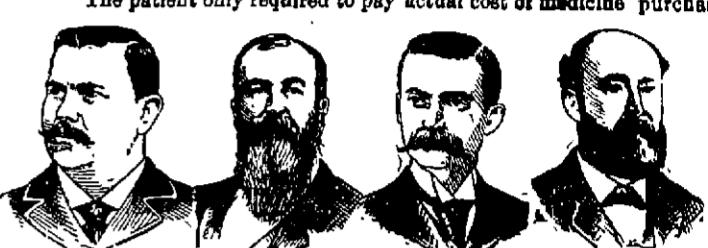
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## HUMOROUS.

—She—"Are Mrs. Slinger's daughters at a marriageable age?" He—"Not yet."—Puck.

—Miss Highslee is a beautiful singer, isn't she?" "Very. That was all that made her singing endurable."—Washington Times.

—Waiter—"Gent at third table wants a hot roll." Cook—"Not roll? He must think we have money to burn?"—Chicago Enquirer.

—When a tandem couple quarrel in Chicago they go into court and sue for separate wheels and maintenance.—New Orleans Picayune.

—Getting Around It.—"Your wife bought these cigars, didn't she?" "Yes; how did you guess it?" "They're in such a pretty box."—Jugend.

—Not Coming Their Way. —"New York people were disgusted with the earthquake." "Why?" "It moved from east to west."—Chicago Record.

—"I don't believe Jagway will ever go on another yacht cruise." "Why not?" "He says he has lost all desire since he took the Keeley cure."—Brooklyn Life.

—Just the Thing.—Author—"I have a dialect story I want to tell you." Editor—"In what dialect is it?" Author—"I don't know." Editor—"I'll take it."—Truth.

—Foggs—"Was that baby talk your wife was talking as I came in?" Foggs—"That was mother talk; no baby I ever saw indulged in such gibberish."—Boston Transcript.

—"How the Dickens did you happen to speak of the battleship Kentucky?" asked the unwise visitor. "Association of ideas, I guess," said the editor.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

—HUNTING FROM ELEPHANTS.  
A Recently Tamed Beast That Would  
Stand Any Charge.

One of the first things the maharaja did after our arrival was to hand to each guest a slip of paper on which was written the name of the elephant allotted to him for shooting purposes, which bore on its back the structure known as a "howdah," to carry the shooter and his guns. As these elephants were necessarily large, and the howdah is high, the oscillation was much greater than if one were seated upon a plain pad upon the elephant's back, or on one of the smaller elephants, which have a smoother gait. We usually, therefore, went to the cover, or jungle, upon one of the "beating" or "pad," elephants, which afterward during the operations of the day were employed in a long line to force the rhinoceroses and other animals out of the dense thickets in which they live.

The howdah-elephant which the maharaja allotted to me was named "Secondor." Three years previously it was an uncaptured wild elephant ranging at liberty the jungles of Bengal. It was a fine female, between nine and ten feet in height at the shoulder, with short but perfect "tusks" projecting a few inches beyond the upper lip. There are other elephants in the maharaja's stud which have been tamed more recently still. It was very gentle and obedient, and perfectly fearless and, therefore, very valuable as a shooting elephant; as, for example, on several occasions during the following three weeks it stood without flinching the charge of wounded buffalo, tiger and rhinoceros, thus enabling me to take a steady shot. Almost all elephants show great fear of the Indian rhinoceros; there are few that will not turn tail when they scent their enemy, and fewer still that will stand the crash and short snorts that precede the charge.

About breakfast time each morning the elephant told off for each guest was brought to the neighborhood of his tent, and the howdah placed upon it resting upon a saddle composed of two cushions of strong sealing about six feet by two, which rested in turn upon a large cloth covering the whole of the elephant's back. The howdahs for shooting are lightly built of wood and canework, and contain two seats, and racks to hold six guns or rifles, three on each side. All this is lashed on by ropes passing under the elephant's neck, belly and tail. The weight which an elephant is able to carry upon its back exceeds a ton; for short distances they have been known to carry as much as 3,000 pounds, but for long marches half a ton is considered the limit. Many of the maharaja's elephants had fine tusks, but most tusks are cut at regular intervals to prevent them from injuring one another. One or two of the fighting elephants, however, had pointed tusks.—H. W. Seton Karr, in Century.

A Race Quarrel in Austria. There has been turbulent scenes in the Austrian reichsrath or parliament occasioned by bitter race animosities between the Germans and the Czech or Bohemian element. The Bohemians are sensitive regarding their position in the empire; and it is in deference to this feeling that arrangements have been made for crowning Franz Josef king of Bohemia next year. For the same reason a decree has been issued establishing the Czech language as the official language of Bohemia. The German irritation at this proceeding broke all bounds of parliamentary decorum and occasioned violent scenes in the reichsrath. Blows were struck and missiles thrown. In consequence of the disturbances the emperor closed the session of the reichsrath.—Youth's Companion.

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## THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

Meets a Gentle-Hearted Woman

Backed by a Ferocious Dog.

"At the foot of the stairs in the front hall of a farmhouse one night," said the retired burglar, "I stumbled over something soft, that turned out to be a feather bed. If I had had a grain of sense at all I should have suspected something from that, but I didn't. It looked as though it had been just turned down stairs and left there to be carried off in the morning, and I let it go at that and stepped into it and over to the first step of the stairs and up.

"Stepping up on the fourth step I kicked against a string stretched across the stairs and broke it. That made me suspicious, but I never connected the feather bed at the foot of the stairs with it. I looked up. I expected it to be connected with something there. And it was; and it was coming down the stairs at me and filling up the whole stairway. It was a big feather bed. Even then I didn't see that the one coming down had anything to do with the one down on the floor, and at the same time I couldn't understand why anybody should roll anything like a feather bed down on anybody; bulky, to be sure, but so light that it was an easy thing to stop.

"I put up my hands to stop this one, but I might just as well have tried to stop a mountain. It was soft and squishy on the outside, but it weighed a ton. It just bowled me right over backward, and I fell on the other feather bed at the foot of the stairs. Then I began to understand what that one was for. It was to save the bones of the man that was tumbled over by the avuncular bed.

"I lay there nearly smothered by the bed on top, and working out from under it gradually.

"I hope you are not hurt," I heard somebody say from over the railing along the hall upstairs, and I said: "No, ma'am," because it was a female voice, and I am always polite to the ladies; but would you mind telling me what's inside the one that came down?"

"Oh," she said, "it's the summer range, with the flatirons inside. Can you lift it off? Or shall I let the dog come down and help you?"

"And with that I heard a dog scratching upstairs. I supposed it started him up to hear himself spoken of, and I judged from the sound of his claws on the carpet that he must have been about the size of a tiger and of about the same kind of disposition.

"No," I says, "I can get clear of it, and I did, and stood up in the hall."

"You won't carry off the other one, will you?" she said.

"And, hearing the dog still scratching upstairs, I said: 'No, I wouldn't,' and I didn't. The lady appeared to be gentle-hearted enough, but I knew you couldn't trust the dog."—N. Y. Sun.

TRAMPVILLE, THE RESTFUL.

Once a Deserted Village, Now Populated by Men Who Don't Pay Rent.

Trampville, Wis., cannot be found in the postal guide, nor is it shown on any railroad map, but it exists, nevertheless, with an average population of not less than 200 souls.

Trampville is situated in Douglas county, on a clearing cut out of a dense pine forest where the river Brule gives up its rippling waters into Lake Superior. It is called Trampville because it is the home of tramps exclusively and has been for nearly three years previous to that time its name was Clevedon, but that name is seldom heard now.

Clevedon was founded about 15 years ago, by a syndicate of English capitalists whose scheme was to build up a lake-port town to rival Duluth and Superior.

Not little cottages, handsome stone buildings, boarding houses, and a hotel and a wood-working mill equipped with expensive machinery for the manufacture of hard-wood products were constructed in a remarkably short time.

The town was built, however, before a tide of migration had been turned toward it, and it seemed difficult to induce people with more or less capital to believe that in Clevedon they would find their fortunes. Nevertheless, 900 or 1,000 persons settled there. But these persons discovered after a few months that the bubble was no more; that the great resources of the town had failed to develop.

They left the place and Clevedon, the magic city, dropped into the lethargy of a deserted village.

The tramp discovered Trampville about three years ago. He took possession of it in the name of his tribe and the revival of the village from that time on has been healthy, though perhaps not very clean.

They lived there 300 strong last winter and no cases of starvation have been reported. They say they lived upon fish taken out of Lake Superior and deer that abounded in the region. Others say they robbed the henhouses of the farm ers therabout.

The big frame building once used as a hotel now is the principal roosting place of the inhabitants of the town. Its lobby, a great old-fashioned fireplace, serves the purposes of kitchen, smoking-room, and every night during the winter great rolls of smoke come from the chimney, while dozens of seedy individuals huddle about the blazing log, some smoking, some chewing, some telling stories, others listening and still others sleeping.—N. Y. Sun.

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## SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, of New York City, who has been chosen for the presidency of Hobart college, is a scien-

tist of some note, and has been connected with Maj. Powell, United States geologist, in several expeditions.

—At the queen's jubilee the duke of Norfolk provided refreshments for no less than 50,000 school children and 1,800 teachers, and each child received a commemorative medal. The teachers were entertained the following day at the duke's farm. A tea was also given at the farm to 5,000 persons over 60 years of age.

—Muzio Clementi, the father of the English school of pianoforte players the teacher of Field, Cramer and of Mendelssohn's master, Berger, lies buried in the cloisters of Westminster abbey. The slab over his tomb is so worn that the inscription can hardly be deciphered, and piano players are asked to renew it. His "Gradus ad Parnassum," published over a century ago, is still in use as a text book.

—Oxford university has received an offer of \$75,000 from the Drapers' company of London for a new building for the Radcliffe library, which will make it possible to use the old building for the medical school. It marks strikingly the contrast between the American and English ways of dealing with university endowment, that the sum excites much comment in England, as being the largest which either of the great universities has received in many years from a private benefactor.

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Will L. Hancock has resigned as C. & E. I. agent at Sullivan, which position he has held since the road was built. He will go into the freight department as a traveler.

Dangerous Drinking Water. Death lurks in impure water. It breeds diseases often in epidemic form. The first symptom is looseness of the bowels. These diseases are checked by taking Foley's Colic Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Champaign Times says that Mrs. Russell, the new Gifford postmistress, was detected opening and reading a letter which was passing through the office, and has sent in her resignation.

To Consumptives. As an honest remedy, Foley's Honey and Tar does not hold out false hopes in advanced stages, but truthfully claims to give comfort and relief in the very worst cases, and in the early stages to effect a cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Miss Jessie Caldwell and Mr. Harry Ryan, of New Holland, started Sunday for Nashville, Tenn., to spend the week at the exposition. They will visit Cincinnati and the Mammoth cave as they return.

The Most Painful Disease. It is not generally known that more adults die of kidney trouble than any other disease. When the first symptoms of this disease appear, no time should be lost in taking Foley's Kidney Cure, which is guaranteed or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

George Wright's team ran away while he was dumping corn at the Three Elevator in Dwight. In trying to stop the horses George was caught under the wheels and the left half of his scalp torn away to the bone.

Mrs. Sam Page, of Paxton, whose hearing was suddenly restored at Joliet the other day, after a course of treatment, became hysterical with delight when she found she could hear and her raptures could not be quieted for half an hour.

J. R. McClelland, of Fonda, a prominent Republican of Brown township, has recently suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Editor C. E. Potter, the new proprietor of the Watsuka News, has changed the policy of the paper from Republican to Democratic.

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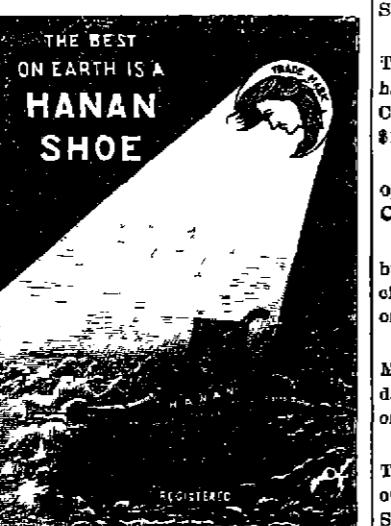
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### LOCAL NEWS.

Vive Cameras, Opera House drug store. Trunks, 15 cents. Davis' 10 cent delivery, 564 N. Water.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Big line of second hand books at Saxton's book store.—24¢dt

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 28—dtf

Second hand school books wanted at Saxton's book store.—2¢dt

Go via Wabash to Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.—23¢dt

Cleveland bicycles checked free this week at the race track.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps, etc.—J19d-2moe

The city custom mills expect a carload of choice prairie hay the first of the week.

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Chicago excursion via Wabash R. R., Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.—23¢dt

Charles Graham, of Moweaqua, and Mrs. Lucy Carter, of Decatur, were married at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Justice W. H. Schorb at his office. The couple will reside at Moweaqua.

People wanting grapes for jelly can get them at G. W. Stoy's Riverside fruit farm, P. O. box 342.—tf

No change in ward school books. Come in and select what you want before the rust at Saxton's book store.—24¢dt

The Wabash will run another of their popular excursions to Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.—23¢dt

Ed Johnson was out on Water street this forenoon displaying the accomplishments of his fine saddle mare. She has all the gaits.

There promises to be good weather all week for the races. Do not forget that the bicycle contests will take place on Friday afternoon.

The Wabash and Illinois Central city ticket offices will close from 1 to 7 p. m. Friday and will be open from 7 to 9 p. m. Saturday, August 28, and 1:05 a. m. of Sunday, 29th. Don't miss it.—23¢dt

George W. and Charney M. Powers Tuesday sold their farm of 160 acres, a half mile east of Boody, to Rev A. P. Cobb, of Springfield. The price paid was \$10,850.

On and after September 3, bulk oysters at the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.

### STRIKERS HAVE A BIG TENT.

Members of the Trades and Labor Assembly Provide Funds for the Expense  
—Do Not Give Up the Fight.

The striking miners from out of the city who have determined they say to stay in Decatur until the local mines are closed down and all of the Decatur men are idle have grown weary of laying out on the common on the Bain place in the east end of the city a few blocks from the old coal shaft. They want shelter and some of the men found places last night at the various rooms in the building in which the Dougherty hall is located. And while they were thus snoozing the members of the Trades and Labor Assembly held a meeting and appointed a committee to provide the strikers with a big tent to be erected on the Bain place. The committee went out this morning and signed the contract for the tent, which will cost eight dollars a week. The members of the committee were E. R. Sonnenburg, W. J. Gilkeson and E. A. Winter. The tent is 40x60 feet in size and will afford shelter for a large body of men.

It is claimed by the strikers that there are 125 visiting miners in the city. The police state that the number does not exceed 80 and that they believe that many of the party are not miners at all, but are men who are strolling about the country, willing to stop anywhere pending the opening of the factories.

Constable Conrad is being criticized by the strikers because he resorted to a scheme to get them away from his place. It is stated that he was afraid that if they remained at his place there would be danger of fire, as most of the men were soon smoking pipes.

The present plan of the strikers is to get as many of the Decatur miners as possible to join the union, and then wait the result of the Debs meeting at St. Louis on Monday next.

The Decatur miners are at work today as usual. There does not appear to be any disposition among the men to stop work.

### THE BAND CARNIVAL.

The Largest Event of the Kind Ever Held in the City Will Take Place Next Sunday.

The band carnival which is to be given next Sunday at the Turner park, under the auspices of the Goodman band and the Turner society, will be one of the largest events of the kind which has ever taken place in the city. Besides the city people there will be many here from out of town. Six excursions will be run to Decatur, from Effingham, St. Louis and Lafayette, over the Wabash, from Olney and Peoria, over the P. D. & E., and from Terre Haute over the Vandals. Besides the Goodman band there will be bands here from Peoria, Terre Haute, Pekin, Clinton, Monticello, Arthur and Mt. Olive. The Goodman band will meet the visitors at the depot in the forenoon and when they have all arrived they will march to the central park of the city, all playing as one band. They will come up Eldorado street to Water, go south on Water to Main street and then west to Lincoln square. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon the bands will play at the square and then will go to the Turner park, where the exercises will begin at 2 o'clock. There will be a selection by all of the bands together and then each band will play separately, so that there will be music all afternoon and evening. Every preparation will be made for the comfort and pleasure of those who visit the park. No roughs will be allowed to enter and perfect order will be preserved so that it will be proper for ladies to attend. At night the place will be illuminated with 12 arc lights, besides those already in the place. An admission of 10 cents will be charged at the gate.

### OLD SETTLERS' MEETING.

It Will Begin at Riverside Park Tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The annual reunion of the Macon County Old Settlers' association will be held at Riverside park tomorrow. The exercises will begin at 10 a. m. This will be the program of exercises for the day:

Forenoon—10 o'clock.

Singing—Coronation.

Prayer—Rev. W. L. Bankson.

Singing, Welcome Solo—T. A. Pritchett.

Address of Welcome—W. T. Moffett.

Singing—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Address—Rev. W. F. Gilmore.

Singing—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Afternoon.

Singing—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Remembrances of Old Settlers.

Singing—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.

Singing, "God Be with You"—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Benediction.

Ample provision has been made for the hitching of horses at the park. Everybody is invited to bring their baskets well filled.

Woodmen at Boody.

A big picnic is in progress today at the Smith grove at Boody. It is an all day affair, with hundreds of people present.

The principal address was delivered by Attorney W. H. Black, of this city. The singing by the Decatur Boys' Glee club was a great feature of the platform exercises. The members of the club are Charles Hill, Bert McIntyre, Eugene Wilson and Garry McGuire. Their selections include "Grandfather's Clock," "Tag, You're It," "There's a Hole in the Toe," "Was His Only Playmate," "Only a Faded Picture" and "Way Down Yonder in the Cornfield."

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## BICYCLE RACES.

Five Great Wheel Events for Friday, Decatur Day.

### SOME VERY FAST RIDERS ENTERED

Including H. H. Dronberger of Terre Haute; E. W. Peabody, of Chicago; F. R. Hattersley, of St. Louis, and "Kid" Thompson of Danville.

Friday, Decatur Day, promises to be one of the "warmest" bicycle days for local enthusiasts that they have ever gone up against. The events are five in number, the entry lists are large in every case and the rider will have to be a "seafarer" who carries off the first prize.

Among the riders from a distance that will compete are E. W. Peabody of Chicago, who is the greatest amateur rider in the world today and who is at present trying to beat Zimmerman's record of 101 firsts in a season; H. H. Dronberger of Terre Haute, state champion of Indiana; F. R. Hattersley, of St. Louis, state champion of Missouri; "Kid" Thompson of Danville, one of the coming lights; William Tamm, of Lowell, B. W. Drum of Cerro Gordo, C. W. Richards of Urbana, F. B. Thompson of Canton, A. P. Stone of Terre Haute, G. R. Hanson of Urbana, W. W. Stone and George T. McCarty of Mason City, Karl Mull of Bloomington, C. E. Pease of Cisco, A. J. Meyer of Springfield, C. E. Johnson of Champaign, H. Campbell of Pontiac and a score or more Decatur riders, notable among whom are L. E. Rogers, E. L. Birks, Billy Murray, T. P. Ford, Bryant, A. W. Diller, Guy Conklin and Earl Walmsley. The entries in the different events are as follows:

One quarter mile open—16.

One mile handicap—28.

One mile open—17.

Five mile handicap—17.

As will be seen by the above the list is as large as in any race ever pulled off here and some fast time is expected.

The handlapping committee will report on their work tonight and the result will be published tomorrow morning.

### CIRCUS AT THE PARK.

Free for All Who Go Down on the Street Cars Next Thursday.

Arrangements have been completed by Manager Ferguson, of the street car company, for the appearance of the Norton & Jones circus and vaudeville show on the open space just outside the fence at Riverside park on Thursday next, August 26. It is one of the finest tent shows traveling and will afford splendid entertainment for all who attend. Performance afternoon and night. All who go down on the street cars and pay 10 cents for a round trip ticket on the cars will receive a free ticket to the show. Don't fail to see the big circus show.—24dts

Last night the Misses Cora and Lida Martin, at their home in Riverside park entertained a company of friends in a very delightful manner, assisted by Mrs. Ass Sommerville and Miss Stanner. There was dancing, parlor foot ball and other games. The party was given in honor of Harry Churchman and Parker Hitt, of Indianapolis. Refreshments were served. The guests were Harry Churchman, Parker Hitt, Foster Waltz, Mr. Baldwin, Edward Wilson, Rodger Williams, Ceoil Jack, James Johnson, Dean Cool, Misses Gussie Gorin, Ada Johnson, Sadie Dean and Jessie Marleweather.

Mrs. Maffit Better.

Mrs. D. A. Maffit, who has been seriously ill at Harbor Springs, Mich., where she went to spend the summer, is some better. Word was received here this morning to that effect. Mrs. Maffit is now with her wife and he will bring her home some time during the next week.

Diphtheria.

A case of diphtheria was reported to the police this morning. It is located at 555 West Main street. The usual precautions will be taken to prevent a spread of the contagious disease. It has been a long time since such a report has been presented at the health office.

Cheap Excursion Dayton and Cincinnati.

The L. D. & W. will sell cheap excursion tickets to Cincinnati and Dayton on train leaving Decatur at 10:45 of Thursday, August 26 and train 11:35 a. m. Tickets \$5 round trip with a limit of ten days.

Fall Term Opens.

At Brown's Business College Wednesday, September 1. Interested persons should write for the new handbook, or call at the college for full particulars—161 dw.

The Wabash and Illinois Central city ticket offices will close from 1 to 7 p. m. Friday and will be open from 7 to 9 p. m. to accommodate those who want to go to Chicago on cheap excursion.

This evening Miss Gussie Gorin will give six hand sewn party at her home on Prairie avenue in honor of Miss Marjorie Pratt, of Chicago.

The gentlemen who came to Decatur with the remains of Conductor Charles Hershey left for Chillicothe this afternoon.

### HOW HE WAS KILLED.

Funeral of the Late Conductor Charles Hershey from the Home of His Mother.

The remains of the late Charles Hershey, who was accidentally killed in Knox county last Monday morning while on a freight train on the Santa Fe railroad, arrived in the city last night and were moved to the home of his mother, Mrs. Sophia Hershey, on West Main street, the residence of John Melchers, brother-in-law of the deceased.

The body was in charge of Isaac Marrott and F. L. Bean of the Order of Railway Conductors; Dan Dougherty and Edward Kappa of the Knights of Pythias, and O. K. Mooney and E. A. Mitchell of the Modern Woodmen, to all of which orders Conductor Hershey belonged at Chillicothe. These men were pall bearers there and were sent to act in the same capacity here.

The pall bearers and the body were met at the depot by the following committees and by John Melchers, brother-in-law of Mr. Hershey.

Knights of Pythias, No. 17—J. W. Wiegand, C. C.; E. S. Millsbaugh, M. Heilbrun, F. W. Wismar, S. D. McKinney and A. Lindamood.

Knights of Pythias, No. 180—L. H. Shelly, C. C.; J. C. Cloyd, J. B. Dinges, John Allen, J. B. Ballard, Neal Dow, H. M. Kreider.

Order Railway Conductors—Dan Stone and James Crawford.

Modern Woodmen—Dr. A. L. Collier, Samuel Funk, Bud Florey, E. R. Culver and C. S. Prior.